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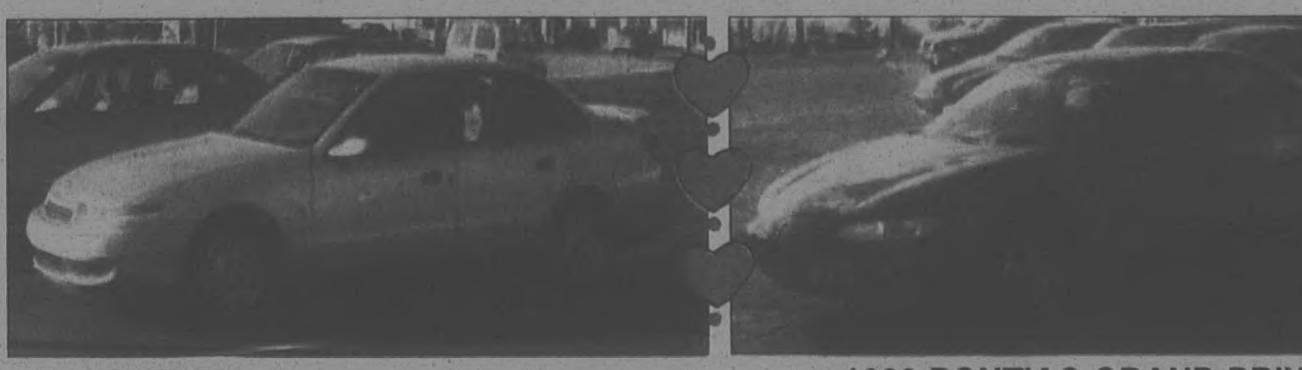
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J.B. Taylor Diagnostic Lab in Elba gets digester system through \$700,000 grant

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

In separate announcements last week both Senator Richard Shelby and Representative Terry Everett announced that the grant for a \$700,000 state-of-the-art carcass disposal digester system to be used at the J. B. Taylor Diagnostic Lab in Elba had survived the budget compromise committee and was in line for passage later that day.

Following the official approval Shelby issued the following statement:

"This funding will allow Auburn University to purchase an Alkaline Digester Carcass Disposal System to be placed at the J. B. Taylor Diagnostic Laboratory in Elba, Alabama. The purchase of this system will allow Alabama to move into the forefront of agroterrorism prevention and response. Given the concerns that have been expressed about new animal dis-

cases, I felt it was important for Alabama to have such an important tool for the quick disposal of diseased animals so we may prevent a wide-spread outbreak and protect our agricultural producers and consumers."

At about the same time a news release from Everett's office said in part:

"Agriculture remains one of Alabama's major industries and continued investment in agribusiness projects is essential to maintain Alabama's competitiveness and profitability," Everett observed.

"The 2003 federal agriculture programs continue to capitalize on Alabama's high tech resources, climate, and farm expertise."

"Elba, Alabama's J. B. Taylor Diagnostic Animal Laboratory is earmarked to receive a \$700,000 Alkaline Digester System. In cooperation with Auburn University, the Elba lab will be

able to safely and effectively dispose of diseased animal carcasses."

This disposal system will complement a completely new facility scheduled to be built directly behind the existing diagnostic lab, on land being donated by the Elba Industrial Development Board and the City of Elba. It is being funded with part of a bond issue approved several years ago by Alabama voters. Bids were opened for construction of the new building last fall, however all bids exceeded the allotted funds of approximately one million dollars. State Department of Agriculture officials sent the planners back to the drawing boards to "trim the fat".

Tuesday morning these state officials couldn't give an exact date for readvertising construction of the facility, explaining they were still trying to find more money and/or put the entire financial puzzle together.

Elba's J. B. Taylor Diagnostic Animal Laboratory is to be replaced in the new future with a new state-of-the-art building. A bond issue through the Department of Agriculture and Industries will fund the million dollar plus facility. There will also be help from a federal grant engineered by Senator Richard Shelby and Representative Terry Everett.

City of Elba plans Sesquicentennial Celebration

by Linda Hodge, Editor

A committee has been formed, and Elba's planning a Sesquicentennial Celebration! But, what exactly is a sesquicentennial celebration? Well, it will be a celebration commemorating the 150th anniversary of Elba's incorporation date...more appropriately named..."Celebrate Elba 150".

Many of the details are still being worked out for the celebration, but steering committee chairman Jimmy Harrison said two events are set in stone.

For those history buffs out there, April 13, may ring a bell as being a significant date for the City of Elba. That's because the history books say it was April 13, 1853 when Elba was incorporated.

With this in mind, the 150th celebration is set to begin April 13 with the Celebrate Elba 150 Kickoff. This will be a religious ceremony led by the Elba United Methodist Church (also 150 years old this year) and will be held at 2 p.m. on Sunday, April 13.

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EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS
with Ferrin Cox

A TV ministry from Ft. Lauderdale, FL is raising money "to keep Supreme Court Judge Roy Moore out of office." A spokesman for the chief justice noted, in response to news reports, that they have no control over the group's raising efforts. Now we're not smart enough to know the ultimate outcome of the Ten Commandment debate, actually it is a debate over the legality of placing the Ten Commandment monument in the lobby of the Alabama Supreme Court building. We do believe that this TV preacher, D. James Kennedy, is using the issue in an unethical manner, thus degrading the legitimate appeals of all religions for financial support and Moore's belief in displaying his monument. While the Moore spokesman is probably correct in saying they have nothing to do with the appeal of money, we think he should speak out against that method of fund raising. To do otherwise is giving tacit endorsement to the effort. While this additional thought comes from another direction, we can't help but wonder exactly what percentage of the money raised with this appeal will actually make it back to Judge Moore's legal fund.

We find that it is sometimes good to read what is being written in out-of-state newspapers. Right now The Wall Street Journal is the subject of our new information. Had it not been for the Journal one day last week, we would not have known there was a tax-code revolt going on in Alabama. Not only is it ongoing, as we write these law professor, Susan Pace Hamill, who titled her writings "An Argument for Tax Reform Based on Judeo-Christian Ethics," is the fact this lady is a Methodist, we are Methodist and read several Methodist publications regularly and have never before heard this bit of news. True, we hear suggestions for tax reform, etc., but "revolt" . . . not yet, at least not as we understand the definition of the word revolt.

Again federal officials are coming under fire for declaring an emergency in the fight against terrorism. The recent "orange alert" was called due to what they now are admitting is "partially" faulty evidence. That same thing happened the last time they upped the alert status. Of course, they can truthfully say "we told you so" if another terrorist disaster does happen, (sometimes bureaucrats call it "covering your rear end") but also continued false alarms can cause the average American to ignore future warnings - and they might be true someday. It is ironic, these alerts are to combat Osama bin Laden and his al Qaeda terrorists when bin Laden is winning simply by keeping us jumping every time we intercept a radio or telephone message with certain key words, as simple as "package". He is probably sitting in some secure hideaway and laughing at our panic reactions right now . . . and all without raising a finger, except to dial a cell phone.

The battle of words over the route of the I-10 connector road from the Dothan area to I-10 has subsided somewhat since the official position of Dothan officials is no longer the middle-of-the-town. That downtown route sounded all the time kind of short sighted in face of the traffic problems they already can't solve with the Ross Clark Circle. They surely don't need to dump more cars into that area when the prediction for existing roads is bad congestion in the next few years. Anyway, they now have a \$5 million planning grant from the feds to do the basic design for the road. Judging by some of the plans we have viewed (and problems with various routes) more than likely the proposed interstate connector will basically follow U. S. 231 from I-10 until it gets near Dothan, and then take a westerly route around town. While that will cause some disruptions, it is fewer disruptions than some other proposed routes and has less environmental impact than a route, say up through the Bonifay area, along Florida 79.

ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following patients admitted during the time period of February 10, 2003, through February 16, 2003. They included: Gregory Sowell Jr., Donnie Stinson Jr., Fannie Merle Berry, Cola Dean, Carnley, Mark Wicker, Cormendia McGhee, Michael LeGear, Ross Atkinson, Cheyenne Russell, Aaron Drewey, Felicia Thomas, James Morris Jr., Ronnie Siler, Tracey Hulgan, Marcus Fuller, Kevin Fuller, Anna Mae Daniels, Annise Emory, Trudie Jackson, Caitlen Powell, Mary Griggs, Nikita Anderson, Hailey Davis, James Byrd and Charles Emory and Caitlen Powell.

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Consumers gain power over unwanted telemarketers**FROM THE HOUSE**
Congressman Terry Everett

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A collective sigh of relief was heard across America last week, as the U.S. House and Senate overwhelmingly voted to authorize a national "Do-Not-Call" list to empower citizens against unwanted telemarketers. Once signed into law, a national Do-Not-Call list could be up and running by this summer.

It is one of the most familiar and annoying scenes in American homes. Just as you settle in for the family dinner, or prepare to watch your favorite television show, the phone rings. More often than not, it seems you are forced to inter-

rupt your personal time to be greeted by an unwanted telephone sales pitch.

Telemarketers have become part of our lives and in many cases are unwelcome guests in our homes. As the number of such annoying calls increases, people search for ways to combat the telephone intrusions. Some subscribe to "Caller ID" services from their phone company in hopes of screening out such calls. Others buy gadgets intended to fool telemarketers into thinking that they have reached a disconnected number. Still others have given up answering their phones all together, opting to let their home answering machines serve

as an electronic buffer. The fact is Americans should not be forced to live in dread of their telephone. Americans must have viable options in restricting unwanted telephone solicitations.

Consumers are told, for example, that they can ask a telemarketer to remove their number from the company's calling list. This only works if the telemarketing call is "live" and such lists may not be permanent.

Therefore, several attempts have been made by government and industry to assist consumers, but each has been limited. Do-Not-Call lists enacted by states and even the telemarketing industry vary in effectiveness. The result has been to confuse and frustrate the public.

Last year, the U.S. Federal Trade Commission (FTC) announced its desire to implement a nationwide Do-Not-Call list, two for criminal mischief, one resisting arrest, two for assault, two for unlawful possession of a controlled substance, three for theft of property, one leaving the scene of an accident and one domestic violence.

The following arrests were made: one for public intoxication, two for contempt, one for assault, one for criminal tampering, one for resisting arrest, three for unlawful possession of a controlled substance, one for failure to appear, one for failure to pay, one for criminal trespassing and one for domestic violence.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: two for no insurance; three for driving with a suspended driver's license, one for violation of the seat belt law and one for violation of the child restraint law.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows:

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10 - Elba Fire Department dispatched to County Rd. 509 (5:09 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1831 County Rd. 418 (6:10 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 219 E. Davis St. (8:05 p.m.); Civil disturbance (fighting) reported at 625 Reynolds (5:43 p.m.).

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Elba Police Report

(6:32 a.m.), Routine activity.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13 - River stage - 6.55 feet (6:00 a.m.); Wreck reported on the street in front of the board of education (3:03 p.m.). Possible civil disturbance reported at The Peoples Bank (4:30 p.m.); Loud music reported at 609 Kendrik (11:25 p.m.).

Under the rules of the new national Do-Not-Call list, telemarketers would be banned from calling consumers who register their phone

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15 - River stage - 6.51 feet (6:00 a.m.); Loud music reported in Mulberry behind the park (10:00 p.m.).

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16 - River stage - 6.83 feet (6:42 a.m.); Civil disturbance reported at 513 Adison St. (2:41 p.m.); Civil disturbance (fighting) reported at 625 Reynolds (5:43 p.m.).

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CHURCH & AREA NEWS



Ms. Miriam McKnight was recently honored at a luncheon in Troy, Ala., celebrating her retirement from the Alabama Department of Transportation. Mr. Mike Griffin, Troy Division Engineer, is shown here presenting Miriam with a Certificate of Appreciation from ALDOT for her thirty four (34) years of dedicated service. Many friends and family members came to show their support for Miriam and to wish her well on her new endeavors.

Ms. Miriam McKnight honored with retirement luncheon

Ms. Miriam McKnight was recently honored at a luncheon in Troy, Ala., celebrating her retirement from the Alabama Department of Transportation. She began her career with the Department in November 1968 and retired in December 2002 with 34 years of dedicated service.

Miriam started as a Clerk Typist I in the Equipment Shop in Troy but only spent a couple of years there. She, then, transferred to a district office that was located in Elba and worked for the next 10 years. After some

internal restructuring, the Alabama Highway Department opened other district offices and the Elba office was ultimately changed to a project office. At this time, Miriam transferred to the Enterprise district office where she spent the next five years. In 1985, she transferred to the Division Maintenance Section and worked the remainder of the year in Troy.

As Miriam's co-workers congratulated her on retirement, she was praised for being a hard worker, conscientious, and always willing and anxious to help folks get the job done. Miriam was a mainstay of the office because she was so knowledgeable about the overall activities of the Maintenance Section as well as many other aspects of ALDOT.

ATTEND A CHURCH OF YOUR CHOICE THIS SUNDAY!



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Scripture: Hebrews 9:11

***Thinking of you, praying for you. The Daniels and Stouder families, Ella M. Brooks, Leo Henderson, Lovie Hanks, Catheryn Carpenter, Versie Barnes, Bill V. Jones, Rev. E. Magwood, Lillian M. Wade, Neoma Smith, Anna M. Daniels, Ethel Ellard, Wallace and Mattie Belcher, Rev. Henry Ewing, Jr., Rev. N.L. Robinson, Bettye Burks, Johnnie R. Belcher and Maggie Head.

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SPORTS

Views from....

THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

The long basketball season finally came to an end last week after four months of what seemed like nightly action, and I was hoping that just maybe the Mularz family could slow down and catch its breath. That was just wishful thinking, however, since Melissa has now started her softball season over at Enterprise State, Melanie is involved in both junior high softball practice and cheerleader tryouts, and Monroe has decided to go back to college. Oh well, maybe we can visit when we pass each other in the hall!

SPORTING AROUND THE AREA...

*** The Elba Tigers wrapped up their high school basketball season last week with losses to Abbeville and Calhoun in post-season action.

The losses left the Tigers with a final record of 10-12, which isn't really that bad when one stops and remembers that after the Christmas break Elba's record stood at 1-6 and it appeared that the Tigers were going nowhere, fast. Coach Blodoe stuck with his beliefs and the players worked hard to improve, and by the end of the season the Tigers had a solid 3A team. Elba will return three starters from this team next season, and will also return three other players that saw considerable action almost nightly. The Tigers will be very young and could start one junior and four sophomores when they tip it off next season. However, those youngsters will have a full season of varsity experience and should be ready to start paying some folks back for the pains of the past.

*** The Elba Lady Tigers closed out their season last week with losses to Abbeville and Barbour County to end the season with a 13-10 record, and Coach Carnley and his girls are to be commended for their hard work and fine play during the season. The Lady Tigers struggled through a variety of off-court incidents during the season that resulted in a line-up that changed every time they hit the court, but the girls never complained and never backed down from any team that they faced. Next season the Lady Tigers will return all five starters and should be a team to keep an eye on as the season rolls along. It never pays to look ahead, but it looks like it could be an exciting year.

*** The Kinston Bulldogs lost the area title on a last-second shot down in Cottonwood and then got blown out at Montgomery County to close out their season with a 14-15 record. Coach Glass and his troops got off to a slow start, and while all the Bulldogs fans were wondering what was wrong, they simply kept working and by the end of the season had a very good 1A club. The Bulldogs proved that hard work does indeed pay off, and made Kinston and winning basketball go hand in hand, once again. Good job.

*** The high school region basketball tournaments are underway at four sites across the state, and area fans should make plans to head up to Troy State and watch at least a day or two of action. The top local teams in all six classes in both boys and girls basketball will be competing, and it looks like a week filled with nothing but the best in high school basketball action. Hey, I might even see ya there.

*** The Alabama basketball team rose from the dead over the weekend to hand Auburn a solid defeat, and while the win won't do for Coach Mark Gottfried what it did for Auburn coach Tommy Tuberville, it will at least give Tide fans hopes that their team is back on track after a terrible three week slide. One game doesn't make a season, but Alabama did get a win in a must-win situation, and maybe the players up in Tuscaloosa are ready to finish with a rush and make a run that will carry them into the NCAAs tournament.

*** In closing, I had a couple of long time Elba Tiger football fans agree with me that the field at Tiger Stadium was renamed "Mack Wood Field" in honor of Elba's all-time winningest football coach. Back when Coach Wood retired there was no retirement party to honor the Tiger coach, and I think it is past time for us to honor this man that put Elba Tiger football on the map.

Third time no charm against Abbeville

Elba Tigers fall in area finals 81-61

The Elba Tigers battled the third-ranked Abbeville Yellow Jackets last Tuesday night in the championship game of the Class 3A, Area 2 Basketball Tournament and hung close for three quarters before falling 81-61, at G.C. Wallace Community College.

The Tigers grabbed a quick 2-0 lead on a short jumper by Mason Gulley and led 4-3 after a driving lay-up by LaRay Williams, but then watched as Abbeville began to take command late in the quarter and closed the stanza with a 10-2 run to take a 20-11 lead.

The Yellow Jackets upped their lead to 27-13 early in the second quarter and it looked like the rout was on; however, the Tigers battled back behind the inside play of Marcus Henderson and the outside shooting of Kyle English, and when Mason Gulley nailed two free-throws with 3:42 remaining in the half Elba had chopped the Abbeville lead down to 29-24. The Tigers failed to add to their total for the remainder of the half as their shooting touch went cold, and at intermission Abbeville was back in command with a 36-24 lead.

The Yellow Jackets upped their lead to 40-24 early in the third quarter, but the Tigers once again refused to quit, and this time went on an 18-9 run to pull within 49-42 with 3:06 remaining in the stanza. Kyle English poured in 10 points, including six on two three-pointers, to lead the Elba rally, while LaRay Williams added six points and challenged the Jacket defense inside.

Abbeville scored the final four points of the stanza to carry a 55-44 lead into the fourth quarter, and then took charge for good as the Yellow Jackets opened the final stanza with a 12-2 run that gave the Jackets a 67-46 lead with 3:37 remaining on the clock. Elba never backed down and fought until the final horn, but was never able to cut into the Abbeville lead again and at the final horn was on the short end of an 81-61 score.

Kyle English scored 19 points to lead Elba, while Marcus Henderson added 15 and LaRay Williams scored 11. Martez Sampson scored 15 points to lead Abbeville, while Bryan Durr and Leon Sewell both added 14.

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Tigers end season with 85-63 loss to Calhoun in sub-region

The Elba Tigers saw their season come to an end Friday night with an 85-63 loss to the Calhoun Tigers, in sub-region play at Calhoun.

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21 points, while Marcus Henderson added 14, Martez Reed 11 and LaRay Williams 10. Calhoun (26-5) was led by Marcus Miles with 19 points, 10 rebounds and 10 assists.

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SCHOOLS

Kyle English named to Holiday Prep Classic All Tournament team

by Ayonna Procter

The Dothan Holiday Prep Classic Tournament was held Dec. 26 through Dec. 31.

The Elba Varsity Boys' basketball squad played Barbour County in the first round. It was a hard fought game on Elba's part, but Barbour County prevailed in the end.

The Elba Tigers, or at least one Elba Tiger, didn't walk away empty handed. Senior Kyle English was named to the Prep Classic All Tournament Team. He was one of sixteen players to be selected.

Kyle had an outstanding game in the tournament with 25



Kyle English

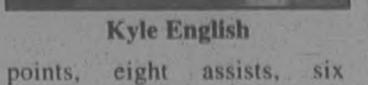


Tiger Tales

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Elba High brings back FFA Quartet

by Katie Driggers



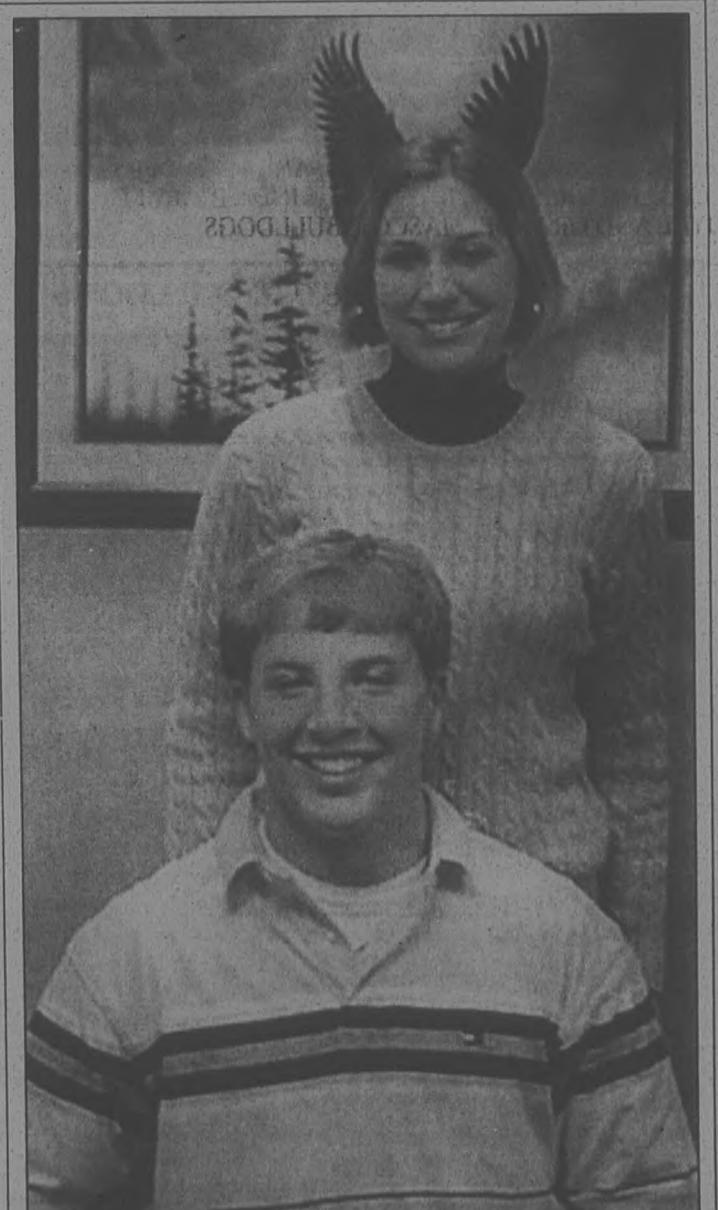
Character Trait

by Alex Benbow

Confuse your enemies: The best way to confuse your enemies is to move them.

We have a natural tendency to love people who love us and to hate those who hate us. That may be the way we feel like doing things, but that's not the way we're supposed to respond. We want to get even, settle the score, and stand up for our rights when we've been wronged. We thing we deserve the right to retaliate.

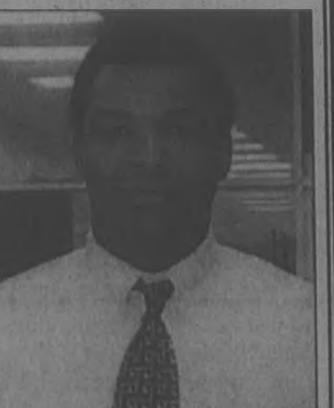
Imagine how you will confuse and confound your enemy when you respond with love and kindness. That type of response may change the heart of your enemy. It will certainly change yours.



PICTURE OF THE WEEK (by Kimberly Farris)...You're not from around here, are you Courtney?

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Co-Op Spotlight

by Shawna Hill



Brandon Behrens

The new star of the spotlight is 18-year-old senior, Brandon Behrens. His parents are Paul and Joyce Behrens.

Brandon is employed at National Security and is involved in VICA. He enjoys racing, which is his favorite sport to watch. Like every young teen, Brandon has certain things he enjoys, such as his favorite movie, "Dazed and Confused", favorite song - "Simple Man", favorite TV show - Horsepower TV, and favorite singer, Lynard Skynyrd.

Congratulations to Brandon

Behrens for being hard working and much success in the future!!

Just Chillin' ... by Blake Brunson

It was Saturday night, February the 8th. All band members came, they all brought a date.

When the girls arrived, rather by a car or excursion, All the guys turned their heads, to check out the diversion.

But everyone looked great, that much was clear.

The luncheon was unrecognizable, drenched in silver, blue, & white. The band parents worked really hard to make it a beautiful night.

The clock struck twelve; the night was over too soon.

Everyone went home and slept till noon.

The DJ was good and the dance was fun.

I think this Band Dance will be a very memorable one.

Students participate in Homerun

by Meredith English

On Saturday, February 8, at 12:45 p.m., the Homerun Derby was in action again. The Derby is an annual and is sponsored by Post 12 Baseball Team. This has been going on since 1993.

This year 35 teams participated. Each team can chose two players to represent their team. Each player from each team, has a chance to hit up to ten home runs in a "round". Each "round" lasted for about an hour.

The Homerun Derby provides a chance for the teams to "showcase their batting skills", as Brandon Petty said.

This year Jason Curran and Brandon Petty were chosen by

Cochy Wynn Grimes to participate in the Homerun Derby. Jason and Brandon were chosen because they were the two team members with the most constant hitting.

Both players had a great time. Each was able to speak with some of the players and coaches (they) will be facing during the season. This was a good learning experience for both the players and coaches, stated one of the two players.

Employees saw their shadows

For the sixth consecutive year, the Tech Program at the MacArthur campus of LBJ Community College sponsored the Groundhog Day Shadowing Program. On Friday, Jan. 31, high school students from Elba, Zion Chapel, Luverne, Enterprise, Andalusia and other area high schools visited businesses and industries to "shadow" or observe an employee at work.

Throughout Opp, Elba, Enterprise, Luverne, Andalusia or other area communities, students spent the day shadowing veterinarians, lawyers, nurses and employees from many other professions in order to experience the working world firsthand. High school event coordinators arranged these successful career visits. Donna Stokes Tech Prep Specialist said, "I appreciate their dedication to the shadowing program and the assistance they received from Kaye Whitworth, Executive Director, of the Elba Chamber of Commerce and Kathleen Sauer, President, of the Enterprise Chamber of Commerce." Event coordinators included Donald Lawford of Elba High School, Terry Weeks of Kinston High School, Patricia Davis, R.N. of Luverne High School, Catheleen Pittman of Highland Home High School, Kathy Bynum of Enterprise High School, Lorena Bryant of Flora High School, Emma Locke of Andalusia High School, Evelyn Watson of Troy-Pike Center for Technology, and Cara Knighten of Zion Chapel High School.

Ninth Grade: Guy H. Anderson, Richard Arthur Myers, Courtney Pelham, Charles Brandon Petty, Carla Ann Roberts, Deann Smith, Kristy Wyllie Ward, Matthew Christopher Weeks and Samantha Williams.

Tenth Grade: Meagan Ann Anderson, Ashley Nicole Carpenter, Sharquarius S. Edwards, Matthew Bryan Gibson, Daniel Aaron Harrelson, Sabrina Harrelson, Thomas Cade Carrington Hooks, Jesse Franklin Ogleby, Tatiana Rashia Parker, Brittan

Smith, Stacey Yvette Mitchell, Tamra Denise Liver, Laymon Lamar Ware and Aubrey Laray Ling Williams.

Eleventh Grade: Stuan Bradley Bane, Jeffery Alexander "Alex" Bonbow, Chadwick KC Boutwell, Rebecca Gena Graham, Heather Nichole Harper, Brittny Nicole Hudson, Whitney Vaughan Lawford, Annice Elena McCormick, Stacie Yvette Mitchell, Tamra Denise Liver, Laymon Lamar Ware and Aubrey Laray Ling Williams.

Twelfth Grade: Stuan Bradley Bane, Jeffery Alexander "Alex" Bonbow, Chadwick KC

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Denise Liver, Laymon Lamar Ware and Aubrey Laray Ling Williams.

Thirteenth Grade: Lamar Brown, Lucy Jane Carlile, Kayeon Michelle Carpenter, Benjamin Bailey Dye, Christy Renee Eubanks, Amber Geddings, Kirby Gray Mary Katherine Head, Ricky Charles Marler, Hannah Rebecca Martin, Ayonna Carrice Procter, Quentin O'Neal Robinson, Ashley Smith and Nina Marie West.

Fifteenth Grade: Justin Channing Allen, Candace Anderson, William Christopher Brunson, Charles Mandrell Carpenter, Alan Paul Cooper, Joseph Kyle English, Katrina Lee Farris, Nickolas Folmar, Shawna Ledlie, Hill, Jesse Robert Holloway, Terence Darelle Kyles, Blake Dudley Lambert, Freddy M. Mallory, Stephen Blaine Pope and Martin Richard Smith.

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SCHOOL NEWS

Varsity Boys Basketball

The Varsity Boys basketball team was runner up in 1A Area 3 basketball tournament. First round was an opening win over Houston County 59-47. Jeremy Driver and Lee Whigham each had 18 points while J.T. Wiggins had 15 points. With the win Kinston won 9 of the last 10 games. Area finals were Cottonwood 55, Kinston 54. J.T. Wiggins had 24 points and Lee Whigham had 11. The boys will travel to Ramer to play in the Sub-regional game against Montgomery County to determine who will advance to the Regional tournament at Troy State.



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Coffee County Schools Menu

Feb. 24 - 28, 2003

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4-H News

Submitted by Alyse Roberts

Mrs. Hornsby's fourth grade class had a 4-H meeting. For the meeting students were given the opportunity to participate in a cookie contest. Many people in Mrs. Hornsby's class participated. First place winners were Trey Harrison, Justin Ward, Hunter Boswell, Brandon Mock, and Jahna Pierce. Second place winners were Harli Simmons, Alyse Roberts, Trent Archie, Andrew Coleman, and Daniel Williams. Third place winners were Elizabeth Harrison, Allison Bess, Lauren Davis, Derrian Driggers, and Mariah Wilson.

Submitted by Bethany Hawthorne

In December, Mrs. Smith Class had a 4-H cookie contest. First place winners were Ashley Snell and Hunter Parker. Second place winners were Ariel Marlowe and Bethany Hawthorne. Michel Edwards received third place.

Submitted by Lane Taylor

4-H is a good program. On February 13, 2003, Kinston sixth grade had a meeting. Mrs. Hughes, gaucho, ribbons, dor wood working exhibit. We also played 4-H trivia which is when you match an event to its meaning - such as 4-H camp = lots of fun. Mrs. Hughes encouraged us to go to 4-H camp because you get to shoot bows and eat lots of food. We also talked about the county fashion show where we can make our own clothes.

Submitted by Caleb Norris

On February 14, 2003, Mrs. Noble's Class had a 4-H meeting. It was held in Mrs. Moody's room. Our program of the day was 4-H trivia. Team three won all 3 rounds. Then, we saw how many words were made from the word valentine's day. Wesley Hunko made a motion that we adjourn the meeting. Calina Norris seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Abby Williams

Mrs. Glass's class had 4-H on February 14, 2003. We played 2 games. One was where we had a real big board and we had letters on one side and numbers on the other. We had to choose a letter and number to try and get a match. The second game was to see how many words could be made from the word "Happy Valentine's Day". Abby Williams acted as secretary and reader. Amber Smith acted as President and Vice-President. Song leader, Whitney Hercus and Jake Hataway were also present.

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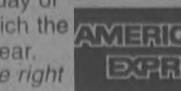
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Elba Police investigate series of car burglaries

by Linda Hodge, Editor

A series of vehicle burglaries had Friday evening, Feb. 21, left the Elba Police Department this week searching for a suspect and urging residents to take every precaution to avoid this type of crime.

Elba Police Chief R.W. "Ronnie" Whitworth said his department was notified of a series of vehicle burglaries last Friday evening in the Elba High School parking lot. Upon arrival

at the scene, he said the officers found six vehicles that had been burglarized as the owners attended a Coffee County Arts Alliance production inside the school.

Whitworth said a window had been broken on each vehicle and personal property was taken including money.

The one thing Whitworth said each vehicle had in common was that the valuable items were left in view.

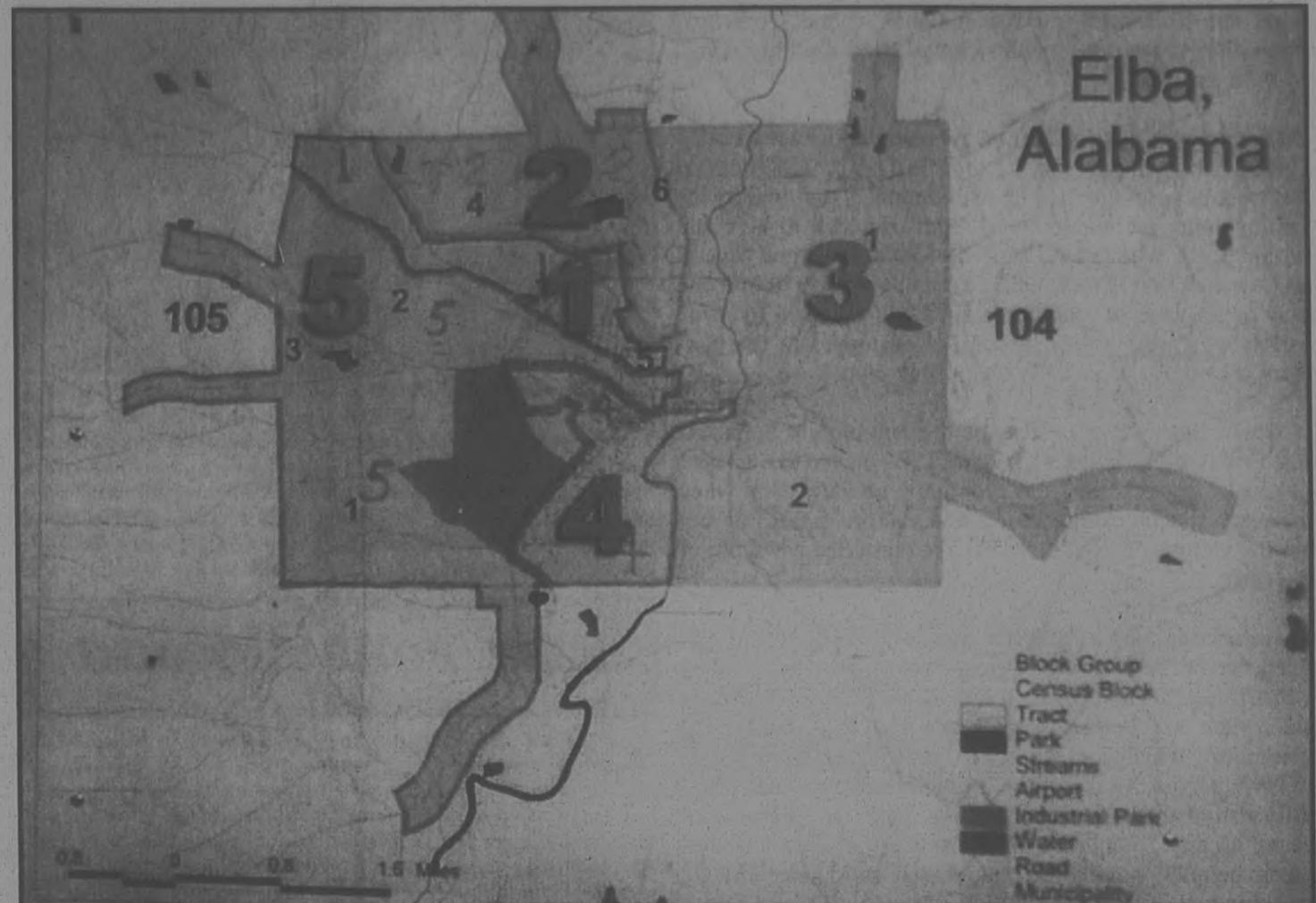
He said some personal items were recovered in the parking lot and around the school area, and it appeared the thief was mainly after money.

One other vehicle burglary was reported Friday evening in the Weedville community of northern Coffee County as several people were attending an auction.

Whitworth said vehicle owners should do everything they can to avoid being the victim of a motor vehicle burglary. A few suggestions include being sure to lock the doors when the vehicle is unoccupied and make sure all valuables are completely out of view. However, he said the best thing to do to avoid a burglary is to not leave valuables in the vehicle when it is unoccupied.

When possible, a day's notice will be given to areas that will be affected, and the off-time is not expected to be long.

Anyone having questions may call the New Brockton Water Dept. at 894-5550.



ELBA VOTER REDISTRICTING will be the subject of a public hearing to be held at City Hall on March 4th. The above map represents a redistricting plan designed by Horseshoe H Consulting, of Troy. The firm contracted with the City of Elba to redraw the district lines to properly reflect five even districts, following the 2000 federal census. The most noticeable changes in district lines are between District 5 and 1 and the moving of the Western District 3 boundary from the natural flow of Pea River and Whitewater Creek to Highway 87 North (Troy Highway). With an official population of 4,185, an ideal voting district in Elba is 837. The existing districts vary in population from 700 to 1029. Registered voter population varies from 724 to 992. Under the proposed new plan the districts will vary in population gives District 1 a minority population of 61.9%, which is as near as possible to a desirable 65% minority population suggested by the federal government Voting Rights Act while maintaining as near as possible the voting districts originally established and approved by the federal government, according to the plan writers.

There are several numbers displayed on the above redistricting map, however the large red numbers designate the five Elba voting districts.

Motorists urged to use caution during rainy weather



Slippery roads played a contributing factor in this Friday afternoon, Feb. 21, accident on U.S. Hwy. 84 E. in the Shiloh community. According to reports, the Oldsmobile was stopped for a local school bus when the Honda clipped it from behind. The Honda then slid off the roadway and into the trees at the right. Coffee County EMS transferred only the driver of the Oldsmobile to Elba General Hospital where he stayed overnight and was released. Fortunately, the air bags deployed on the Honda which prevented serious injury when the car experienced a front impact. Responding to the scene were units from the Elba Police Department, Coffee County Sheriff's Department and Elba Fire Department. The accident was investigated by the Alabama State Troopers office.

During Coffee County Commission meeting Bids opened for Solid Waste Collection contract

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Coffee County Commission meeting Monday, Feb. 24, seemed to follow suit with the old saying, "blink and you'll miss it," as commissioners zoomed through the agenda and adjourned within 20 minutes.

Monday morning, bids were submitted from Mark Dunnin Industries (MDI), Arrow Disposal Services and Barry Moore Industries.

MDI submitted a no bid for Option 1A, and a cost of \$52,225 for Option 2B. Arrow Disposal Services submitted a cost of \$13,70 for Option 1A and a cost of \$66,000 for Option 2B. Barry Moore Industries submitted a bid of \$14,13 for Option 1A and a cost of \$59,076 for Option 2B.

Upon the recommendation of county engineer Randy Tindell, commissioners opted to table this issue until the next meeting.

Commission chairman Robert Stephens said this would allow commissioners time to study the submitted bids and discuss all

options before awarding the bid.

According to the motion, which was approved unanimously,

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During Elba City Council meeting Three more businesses get alcohol license approval

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council members were in and out again Monday night with items of business including board appointments and approval of alcohol licenses.

Retail sale of Beer and Wine was approved for both Big Little stores in Elba and for Elba Marketplace. All were approved without debate or public protest, as were those approved at the last council meeting.

Eddie Kelley was appointed to another six year term on the Industrial Development Board. He is presently serving as chairman of that board.

Mike McGuire was appointed to a six year term on the

mobile break-ins at the high school last Friday night.

Grimes updated council members on the financial status of the city's general fund. He noted a large portion of the overrun in expenses was due to the annual USDA payment on the sewer loan.

Retired city employees will no longer be able to remain on the state employee insurance program as of March 1st. A minimum requirement of three retirees and at least 5% of the total must participate for the insurance to remain in force.

The Chief also updated council members on the seven auto-

NOTICE

Due to the levee rehabilitation project, Caroline Street in Elba will be closed at the levee beginning Thursday, March 6. This road will remain closed for approximately nine weeks.

Area Happenings

THE COFFEE COUNTY MITIGATION PLANNING COMMITTEE is scheduled to meet Thursday, Feb. 27, at 6 p.m. in the Coffee County Emergency Management Agency's conference room located in the county commission complex in New Brockton, Ala. All interested county residents are invited to attend. For more information call 804-5415.

ELBA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL will hold graduation ceremonies for its D.A.R.E. (Drug Awareness and Resistance in Education) program Friday, Feb. 28, at 9 a.m. in the cafeteria. The guest speaker for the event will be Alabama State Trooper Johnny Sims.

THE ELBA LIONS CLUB will hold its annual powwow breakfast Saturday, March 1, from 6-10 a.m. at the Elba Senior Citizens Building.

ELBA ATHLETIC CLUB will meet on Monday, March 3, at 7 p.m. in the gymnasium for the annual Elba High School

CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY. The Mulberry District Baptist Association held a Black History program Saturday evening, Feb. 22, with Rev. C.A. Hammond Jr., pastor of Pleasant Shade Baptist Church, as the guest speaker. The program was held at Rocky Head Baptist Church in Elba and included remarks from several local pastors and special choir music. Despite the gloomy weekend weather, a large crowd of citizens gathered to celebrate the special occasion. Black History Month is celebrated every February and is dedicated to remembering those who helped develop the paths taken yesterday and today.